

A RESOLUTION

25-396

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 to provide that the payment or award of compensation under the workers' compensation law of any other state shall not bar a claim for compensation under the District's workers' compensation law for the same injury or death; provided, that any such award under the District's workers' compensation law shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received or awarded under the workers' compensation law of any other state.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) On October 3, 2023, the Council adopted the Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective October 26, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-274; 70 DCR 14474) ("Emergency Act"), which expires on January 24, 2024.

(b) On November 7, 2023, the Council adopted on second reading the Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, enacted on November 21, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-313; 70 DCR 15470) ("Temporary Act"), which is pending in Congress and will not become law before the expiration of the Emergency Act.

(c) This identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the Emergency Act and the effective date of the Temporary Act.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.